

January 4, 1969

Hon. Waggoner Carr
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Dear Mr. Carr,

It was with thoughtfulness I appreciate that you spent part of the holiday dictating your January 1 reply to my letter of December 17. Please understand it is not lack of appreciation that requires me to take issue with you. As a famous lawyer you know even better than I, a humble scrivener, how fragile human recollection can be, particularly after five years.

I am well aware of other versions of what happened when you heard the report Oswald had been connected with a government agency. Yours is not, in some ways, consistent with them, including some contemporaneous records. Often it amounts to a conflict between a Washington account and a Texas account. It is partly for this reason that I seek the best possible Texas account. You may recall my interest in getting the correspondence from the Texas rather than the Washington end, for I have found what is available here something less than always pure.

You say, and please understand I am neither quibbling nor arguing, "I heard the rumor that Oswald was employed by the FBI or CIA...I forwarded this rumor to the Warren ~~Commission~~ Commission..." It is my understanding from these other sources that Henry Wade informed you of it and that you immediately phoned J. Lee Rankin. If you wrote, I'd very much appreciate a copy of that letter, which would be available in Washington but I'd prefer one from you. You also say, "I did not make a ~~special~~ hurried or special trip to Washington for that purpose." The Washington account uses such words as "hurried", "plunged into an astounding problem", "met in emergency session" (as soon as physically possible after your call) and these words from Congressman Ford, "The Commission made the decision to ask the Texas Attorney General, District Attorney Wade and other Dallas officials...to come at once to Washington...secretly...slipped into the nation's capital..." and so forth.

True, you or a surrogate did sit in on most of the hearings, but this left uncovered the enormous amount of other sources, like investigative reports, etc., and the executive sessions.

Possibly those of you who attended the hearings reached the conclusion the report was false. But did any of you examine these other sources? Did any of you, in fact, check what was actually investigated, i.e. this is the appropriate designation? From what I know I not only doubt it but I am firmly persuaded otherwise, another of my reasons for writing you and asking that you make as complete as possible a record of what you know, heard and observed. I do think your personal interest and that of your State require this of you. I would welcome any such data you might provide.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg